

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Lars Peter and Augusta Nelson immigrated from Molta, Sweden, and homesteaded on the present day Dean A. Nelson farm in Sully County on NW 28-114-76 in Blaine Township in the fall of 1883; and,

*Whereas*, The youngest son, George Nelson, married Elva Madge Hyde on September 18, 1912, and to that union four children were born: Marcia, Patricia, Benni Bee, and Dean; and,

*Whereas*, George, Elva, and their children witnessed the farm's growth in size and production, raising beef cattle, sheep, wheat, corn, and producing hay, all in accordance with the Homestead Act of 1862; and,

*Whereas*, Third generation farm owner Dean A. Nelson, along with his wife, Elizabeth, have continued the tradition of stewardship and expansion and have raised wheat, sunflowers, oats, and millet; and,

*Whereas*, For the past 125 years in the face of the Great Depression, droughts, flooding, hail storms, blizzards, pests, weeds, energy prices, market booms and busts, the Nelson family has managed and expanded a successful operation; and,

*Whereas*, Dean A. Nelson Farms will join with family, friends, and neighbors to celebrate 125 years of farming and ranching on August 9, 2008, and it is fitting and proper as Governor of this great state to recognize this milestone event:

*Now, Therefore*, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 9, 2008, as

### *DEAN A. NELSON FARMS DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

A handwritten signature of M. Michael Rounds in black ink.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Chris Nelson in black ink.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State